Mining Consideration Decision-Making Matrix

Consideration (Cause)	Effect	Recommendations for Next Steps
Continue mining of aggregate at the current rate	Some communities in California will need to import aggregate because the demand will be greater than the existing, local supply. Mines will maintain the same level of impact on landscape.	Increase mining to increase supply Decrease in new development by limiting population growth
Decrease mining of aggregate	The cost of new construction and development will increase because the supply of aggregate will not meet the need.	 Increase in habitat and biodiversity Increase in mining costs because of limited supply Decrease in new development by limiting population growth
Stop all mining of aggregate	Dramatic increase in cost for new construction and development. Increase in aggregate imports. Increase interest in alternative/recycled materials to replace aggregate	 Restoration of habitat and biodiversity Dramatic increase in mining costs because of non-existent supply New development and construction will be limited.
Increase mining for aggregate near cities of greatest need	Increase in meeting the demand of future development and construction Maintain or decrease the cost of aggregate.	 Loss of habitat and biodiversity Maintain or decrease the cost of aggregate Maintain or increase in new development and construction
Start new mining for aggregate near all large cities.	Increase in access for all cities for new development and construction Cost for aggregate will maintain or decrease	 Loss of habitat and biodiversity Decrease in the cost of aggregate Maintain or increase in new development and construction